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**MAYOR EDDIE PEREZ WANTS TO CRACK DOWN ON FALSE ALARM
CALLS TO INCREASE PUBLIC SAFETY FOR HARTFORD RESIDENTS**

(April 27, 2005)--- Mayor Eddie Perez believes Hartford Police and Fire respond to far too many false alarms--- putting people at risk, if they are truly in need of emergency service. Today, details of an aggressive new alarm registration campaign were unveiled.

Hartford residents and business owners must register their alarm systems with the City's Department of Emergency Services and Telecommunications. Registration begins May 1, 2005 and ends June 30, 2005. After that, it is a \$99 fine. Even if you have registered your system in the past, you need to sign up again.

Mayor Perez says, "Public safety is a top priority for Hartford. Together, we need to cut down on the number of false alarms that our brave police officers and firefighters respond to each and every day. In the end, this promotes personal responsibility as well as helps police and fire do the job they do best--- protect our citizens."

The President of The Connecticut Alarm and Systems Integrators Association (CASIA) agrees. Rick Weiss says, "CASIA is very pleased with the consideration given by Mayor

Perez and Chairman Torres. The Common Council staff and Gary Stango have provided valuable assistance in the mechanics of enacting and rolling out this excellent ordinance. CASIA, and its members, are working to support the implementation of all ordinance provisions, most importantly, the registration of alarm system users in the City.”

Emergency officials say that about 12,000 police alarms go off in Hartford each year. 75 percent of them are false alarms. The fire department has responded to as many as 1300 false alarms in recent years. City officials believe reducing the number of false alarms will provide better protection for all residents in case of a true emergency--- due to quicker response time and less wear and tear on equipment.